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(Individual Inventor)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that this declaration is for an original application. I believe I am the sole original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**"REAR MOUNTED ENGINE DESIGN WITH IMPROVED  
MAINTENANCE ACCESS FOR A MILITARY VEHICLE"**

The specification for the above entitled invention is filed herewith.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a). I further acknowledge the duty in any continuation-in-part application to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application, as defined in §1.56, which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

There is no claim of priority for this application.

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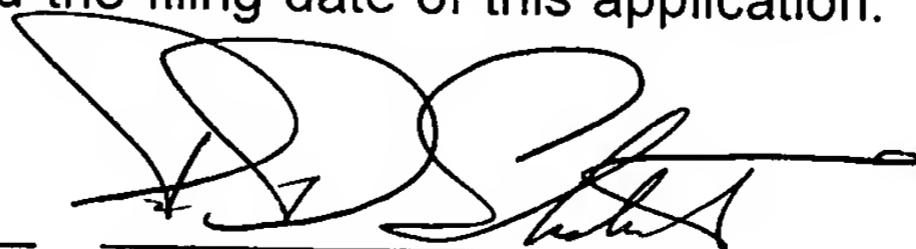
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence and telephone calls to:

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued hereon. I further acknowledge the duty in any continuation-in-part application to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application, as defined in §1.56, which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

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